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Pszczyna — Market Square.

The Jewish Traces in Pszczyna

Pszczyna (Germ.: *Pless*) is situated in the southern part of Silesian Voivodship (Upper Silesia), between Katowice (Germ.: *Kattowitz*) and Bielsko-Biała (Germ.: *Bielitz*). The Jewish settelment of the town began to develop at the close of the end of the 18th century. Jewish community council was organized there in 1816. The first prayer house and cemetery was established also in this time. According to the census of 1879, there were 360 Jews in Pszczyna. In 1931 Jewish population of the town numerous only 83. The Jewish community was not revived after the Second World War.

The synagogue which was preserved in Pszczyna until today, was built in years 1852 – 1855. During the Second World War this temple was rebuilt and lost his historical character. Today it houses a cinema. The Jewish cemetery was established in 1816. The last burial there was in 1936. Officialy the cemetery was closed in 1959. There are ca 250 tombstones in various styles and unique funeral house built in the middle of 19th century. The cemetery in Pszczyna is interesting example of the sepulcral art of German Jews in Upper Silesia. *(PP)*

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The Jewish community house from the 2nd half of the 19th century.

Former synagogue of Pszczyna was built ca 1855.

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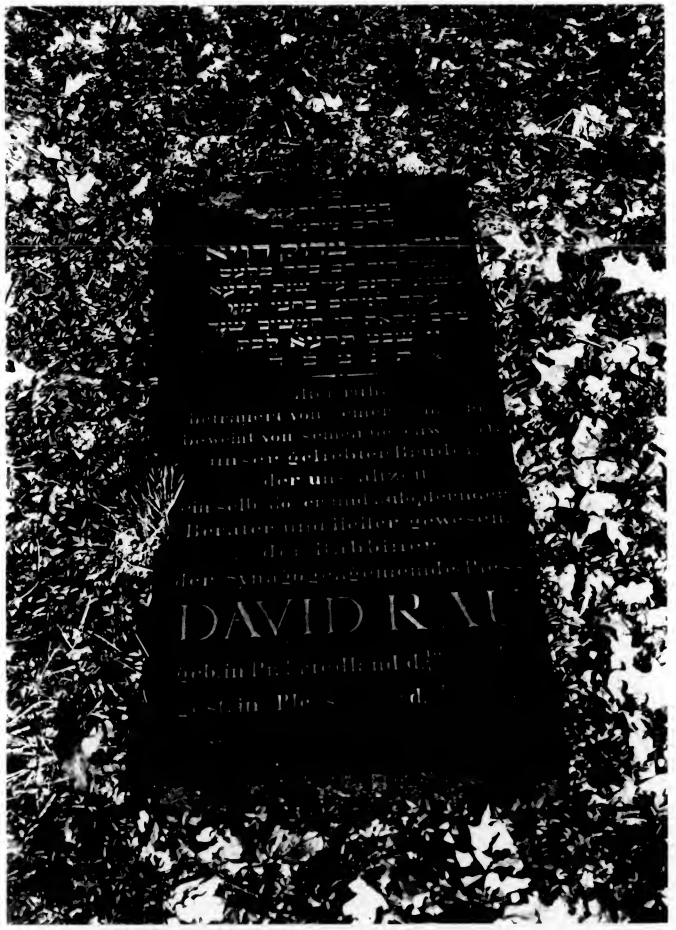
Dawna Synagoga przy ulicy Warownej.



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Destroyed tombstone of Rabbi David Rau (1861 – 1911).

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The oldest matzevah in the cemetery from 1817.

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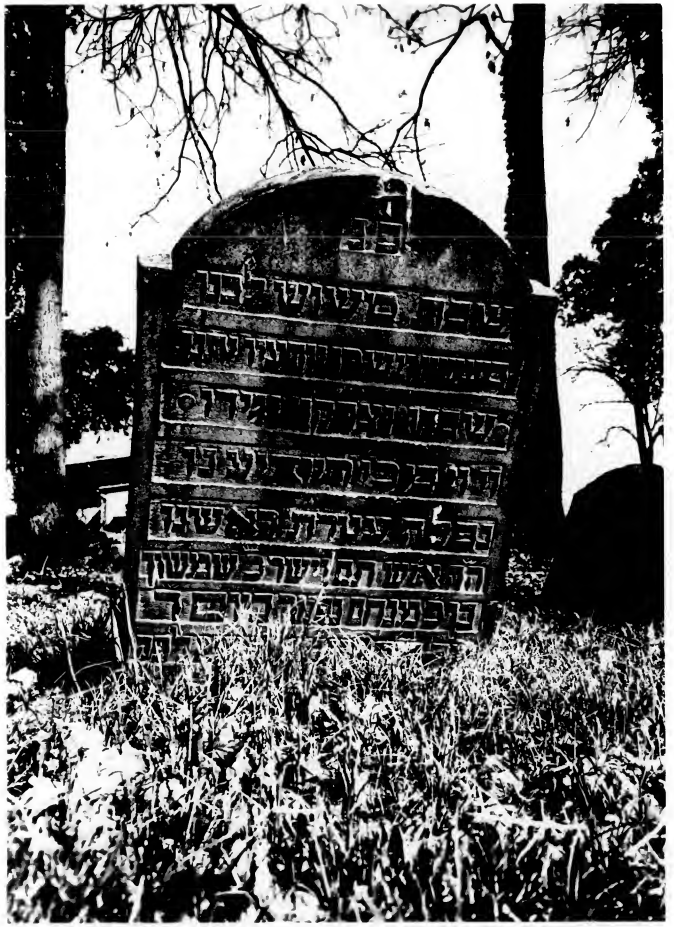

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One of the oldest matzevahs from the 1820's.

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The artistic forms of the tombstones in the Jewish cemetery in Pszczyna are diversified.

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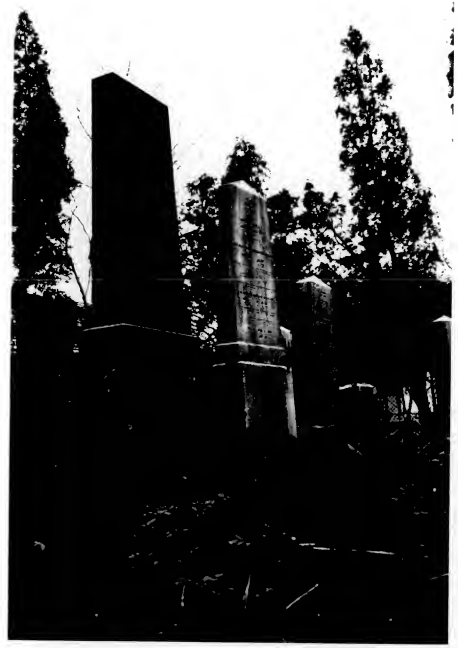

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The character of tombstones which have been preserved, is also the most diversified.

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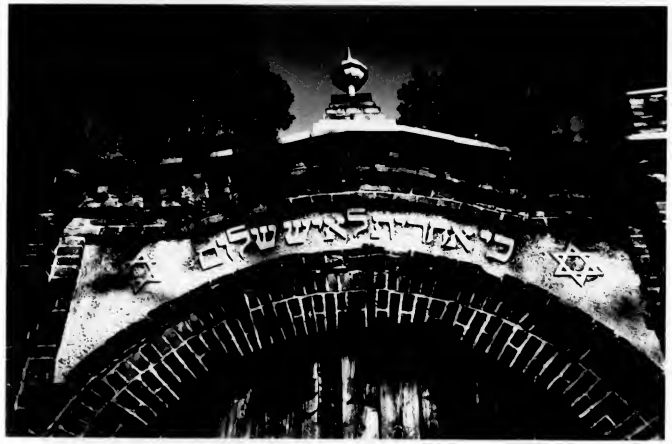

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The façade of the funeral house from the middle of the 19th century.
Hebrew inscription in the top of the funeral house.

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Southern elevation of the funeral house and low bricks wall of the Jewish cemetery was built in the 2nd half of the 19th century.

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Tombstone of Ludwig Schiller from the 1850's.

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Matzevah of Marie Kleinhandler from the 1870's.

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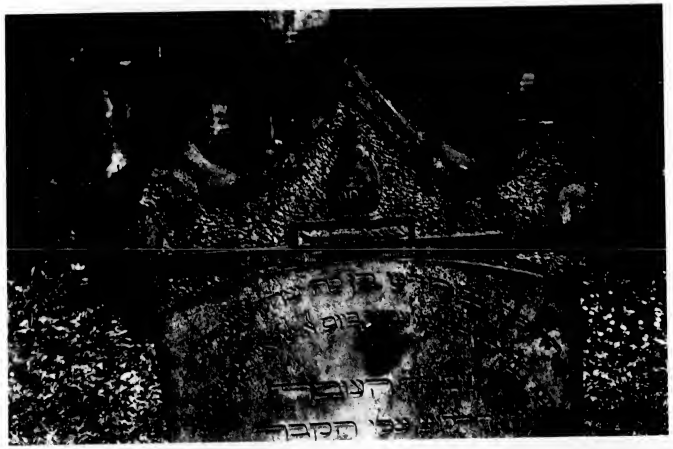

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Motifs of grave symbolism — a pitcher and a lancet from the 1830's and the Cohen's hands from the 1840's.

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Motifs of grave symbolism — a chandelier from the 1850's and the emblem of an eagle from the 1860's.

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Tombstone of Flora Stiller from the 1890's.

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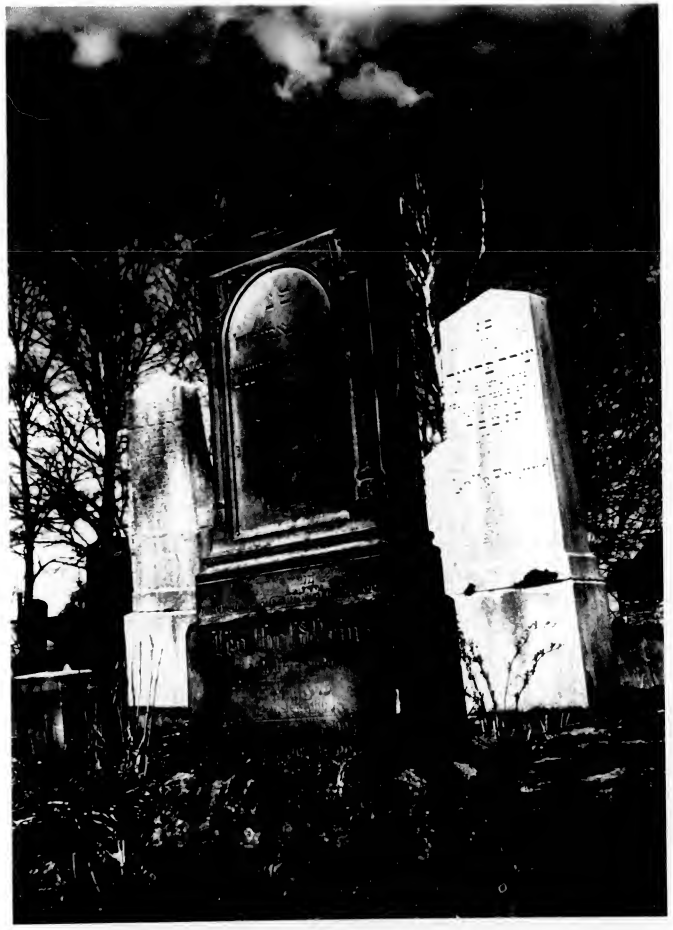

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Tombstone of Leo Goldstein from the beginning of the 20th century.

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Obelisks of Rosalie and Abraham Gittermann from the 1910's.

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Tombstone of Henriette and Heinrich Simon from the turn of the 19th and 20th century.

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Obelisks from the turn of the 19th and 20th century.

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Tombstone of Johanna Baer
from 1936,
the last buried in the cemetery.

The view of tombstones
from the first decades
of the 20th century.

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